

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF PICKERING



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year

1957

W. R. M. COUPER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT

of the

Public Health Inspector

G. BATTY, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1957.

To The Chairman & Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman & Members,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1957 for the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. In the text of this report, unless there is some matter which requires particular comment in respect of one district, reference will only be made to the area as a whole under the designation of the Ryedale Area.

W.R.M. COUPER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

STAFF OF DISTRICT COUNCILS (AT 31.12.56).

DISTRICT	MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	HEALTH INSPECTORS
Helmsley Rural	W.R.M. Couper, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Health Office, Train Lane, Pickering.	F.W.Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. C.H.Carr, M.A.P.H.I. C.R.S.I.
Kirkbymoorside Rural	- do -	F.W.Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. G.Stephenson, A.R.S.A. M.A.I.A.
Malton Rural	- do -	W.E. Wigglesworth, M.A.I.A., C.R.S.I.
Malton Urban	- do -	J.L. Tong, C.R.S.I.
Pickering Rural	- do -	P.Pickering, M.R.S.I. M.A.I.A.
Pickering Urban	- do -	G. Batty, C.R.S.I.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA. The Ryedale Area, which is referred to in the text of this report comprises the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. This area is mainly agricultural in nature, more heavily populated in the areas near the townships of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and thinly populated in the dales and moorland districts in the northern part of the area.

POPULATION The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population 1957 is 29,290 - the population in 1954, 1955 and 1956 was estimated at 29,220, 29,250 and 29,380 respectively.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS & BIRTH RATES The number of live births in 1957 was 386, this is five less than in 1956. The adjusted birth rate was 15.5 per 1000 population compared with 16.1 per 1000 for England and Wales.

ILLEGITIMACY There were 16 illegitimate births in 1957, compared with 11 in 1956 and 18 in 1955.

STILL BIRTHS In 1957 there were 9 still births which was the same number as in 1956.

DEATHS & DEATH RATE The adjusted death rate for 1957 was 11.3 per 1000 population as compared with 11.5 for England and Wales.

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY The infant mortality and neonatal mortality rates were the same 18.1 per 1000 live births. The infant mortality rate for England and Wales was 23.0 per 1000 live births and the neonatal mortality rate 16.5.

MATERNAL MORTALITY There were no maternal deaths in 1957. No maternal deaths occurred in 1955 and 1956.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH 215 persons died of diseases of the heart and circulating system a rate of 7.34 per 1000 population. 43 people died of cancer a rate of 1.47 per 1000 population. The death rates per 1000 of the population from diseases of the heart and circulating and cancer in 1956 were 7.01 and 2.14.

NATURAL INCREASE During the year there were 386 live births and 345 deaths. The natural increase (i.e. excess of live births over deaths) was 41. The natural increase in 1956 was 52.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES During the year there was a considerable epidemic of measles affecting mostly the Malton and Pickering Urban and Rural Districts. There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Poliomyelitis. 2.

SECTION 'A'.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS.

TABLE 1.

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of inhabited houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate
Helmsley Rural	5,360	67,750	1377	£38591	£144
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,930	51,000	1520	£31266	£118
Malton Rural	5,550	47,078	1824	£33922	£132
Malton Urban	4,160	4,016	1349	£48657	£194
Pickering Rural	5,090	76,685	1756	£32046	£125
Pickering Urban	4,200	15,652	1400	£36807	£150
All Districts	29,290	262,181	9220	£221289	

VITAL STATISTICS.

TABLE 11. - LIVE BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Live Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	27	28	55
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62
Malton Rural	44	36	80
Malton Urban	29	29	58
Pickering Rural	38	33	71
Pickering Urban	25	35	60
All Districts	191	195	386

TABLE 111 - STILL BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Still Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1
Malton Rural	3	-	3
Malton Urban	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	-	2	2
Pickering Urban	-	1	1
All Districts	4	5	9

TABLE 1V - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE & ILLEGITIMATE, MALE & FEMALE.

District	Legitimate			Illegitimate		Total	
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	26	26	52	1	3	4	56
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62	1	-	1	63
Malton Rural	44	36	80	3	-	3	83
Malton Urban	28	29	57	1	1	2	59
Pickering Rural	36	34	70	2	-	2	72
Pickering Urban	25	33	58	-	4	4	62
All Districts	187	192	379	8	8	16	395

TABLE V.

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. Live Births per 1000 estimated population), Still Birth Rate (i.e. Still Births per 1000 Total Births).

District	Crude Live Birth rate	Still Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.3	17.9
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.6	15.9
Malton Rural	14.4	36.1
Malton Urban	13.9	17.0
Pickering Rural	14.0	27.8
Pickering Urban	14.3	16.1
All Districts	12.8	22.8
England & Wales	16.1	22.4

TABLE VI.

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

Number of deaths							
District	Under 1 year			Under 1 month			All infant deaths
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Malton Rural	2	-	2	2	-	2	2
Malton Urban	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	2	1	3	2	1	3	3
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	6	1	7	6	1	7	7

TABLE VII.

Maternal Deaths i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth, and abortion.

There were no maternal deaths during 1957.

TABLE VIII.

DEATHS.

Causes of deaths by districts for year ended December 31st, 1957.

Cause of Death	District																		All Districts		
	Helmsley Rural			K/M'side Rural			Malton Rural			Malton Urban			Pickering Rural			Pickering Urban			M	F	T
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T			
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	8	-	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	1	4	5	-	3	1	4	2	4	1	3	4	-	3	2	1	-	1	11	12	23
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	6	11	-	6	4	10	7	11	6	8	14	-	4	8	3	7	10	28	40	68
Coronary disease, angina	9	6	15	-	5	2	7	5	10	8	4	12	-	8	4	8	7	15	43	28	71
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	5	5	4	9
Other heart disease	3	-	3	-	12	4	16	-	5	3	-	3	-	4	5	4	7	11	28	19	47
Other circulatory disease	-	1	1	-	2	2	4	1	2	1	2	2	-	3	5	1	2	3	8	12	20
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	5	6
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	7
Bronchitis	1	1	1	-	4	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	11	3	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined & Ill-defined diseases	3	3	6	-	1	2	3	5	1	3	-	6	-	4	-	1	-	1	13	14	27
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
All other accidents	1	1	2	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	2	6
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Causes	31	23	54	25	39	20	59	25	54	29	54	51	33	35	68	28	31	59	185	160	345

TABLE 1X.

Infant Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 month per 1000 live births, Maternal Mortality (i.e. number of maternal deaths per 1000 total births) and Crude Death Rate (i.e. number of deaths per 1000 of estimated population.

RATES

District	Infant Mortality	Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	Death Rate
Helmsley Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.1
Kirbymoorside Rural	16.1	16.1	Nil	12.0
Malton Rural	25.0	25.0	Nil	9.7
Malton Urban	17.2	17.2	Nil	12.3
Pickering Rural	42.3	42.3	Nil	13.4
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	Nil	14.0
All Districts	18.1	18.1	Nil	11.8
England & Wales	23.0	16.5	0.47	11.5

TABLE X.

COMPARISON OF BIRTH & DEATH RATES.

The crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution differs from that of England & Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Death Rate			Birth Rate		
	Crude Death Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.1	1.10	11.2	10.3	1.34	13.8
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.0	0.89	10.7	12.6	1.14	14.4
Malton Rural	9.7	0.97	9.4	14.4	1.14	16.4
Malton Urban	12.3	0.98	12.1	13.9	1.09	15.2
Pickering Rural	13.4	0.84	11.3	14.0	1.20	17.0
Pickering Urban	14.0	0.92	12.9	14.3	1.14	16.3
All districts	11.8	-	11.3	12.8	-	15.5
England & Wales	11.5	-	11.5	16.1	-	16.1

TABLE XI.

Principal Causes of Deaths by Districts and rates
per 1000 of population.

District	Cancer		Diseases of heart & Circulation		Respiratory Diseases excluding Tuberculosis	
	No Of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population
Helmsley	10	1.87	31	5.80	3	0.56
Kirbymoorside	7	1.42	37	7.51	6	1.22
Malton Rural	8	1.44	29	5.23	3	0.54
Malton Urban	7	1.68	31	7.45	2	0.48
Pickering Rural	8	1.57	43	8.45	6	1.18
Pickering Urban	3	0.71	44	10.48	3	0.71
RYEDALE AREA	43	1.47	215	7.34	23	0.79

TABLE XII.

Live Births and Deaths by Districts and Natural
Increase, i.e. excess of births over deaths and
Natural Increase per 1000 population.

District	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Natural Increase per 1000 population.
Helmsley	55	54	1	0.2
Kirbymoorside	62	59	3	0.6
Malton Rural	80	54	26	4.7
Malton Urban	58	51	7	1.7
Pickering Rural	71	68	3	0.6
Pickering Urban	60	59	1	0.2
RYEDALE AREA	386	345	41	1.4

SECTION 'B'.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

TABLE 1.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS DURING
THE YEAR 1957.

District	Cases Notified							
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Cerebro Spinal Fever
Helmsley Rural	7	-	51	4	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	2	-	20	1	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	2	-	202	1	1	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	1	179	-	1	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	1	1	177	-	-	2	-	1
Pickering Urban	-	-	213	1	1	-	-	-
All Districts	12	2	842	7	3	2	-	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS.

TABLE 11.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1957.

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Helmsley Rural	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
All Districts	4	-	3	-	2	-	-	-

SECTION 'C'

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton, a van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee in the Urban districts of Malton & Pickering, and the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton & Pickering.

(a) Care of Mothers and Young Children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale Area.

In places where no Clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary vaccination against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

During the year 1,635 children received a complete course of poliomyelitis vaccine.

(e) Domestic Help Service.

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the Mother, and to the aged and infirm.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report on the sanitary circumstances in the district for the year 1957.

The most important step forward in the year was the culmination of the work which had been done concerning water supplies and the acceptance of the Council's scheme by the Ministry after a public enquiry had been held. Work was commenced almost immediately and early 1959 should see the completion of this scheme to bring water supplies to areas outside the town.

The Council's decision to prepare a scheme of improving both to the system of sewers and to the sewage disposal works and its ready acceptance of the engineer's report shows a real appreciation of the town's needs and I hope that some of this work will soon reach the practical stage.

There were no matters of routine which called for any special comment during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairmen, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. BATTY.

Public Health Inspector.

Water Supply.

Early in the year your consulting engineer's report on water supplies was considered and eventually on 2nd July, 1957 a public inquiry was held before C. H. Spens, Esq., M.I.C.E.

In due course the Council's scheme and the Ryedale Joint Water Board's scheme were both approved and it is anticipated that work will commence early in 1958 and will be completed in approximately 12 months.

In the interim period the N.E. Gas Board continue to supply water to the town area and the immediate vicinity from their source at Keld Head.

RESULTS OF PARTIAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLY FOR 1957.

Type of sample.	Samples taken by Local Authority.		Samples taken by N.E. Gas Board.	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Town supply before chlorination	9	-	4	8
Town supply after chlorination	16	2	12	-
Private supplies	17	34	-	-

One sample was taken for chemical analysis with the following result:-

This water contains per million parts :-

Total Solids dried at 180 degrees C.	333.00
Suspended Matter.	Absent
Chlorides as chlorine.	21.30
Oxidised Nitrogen as nitrate.	2.80
Oxidised Nitrogen as nitrite.	0.002
Free and saline Ammonia.	0.016
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.012
Temporary Hardness.	200.00
Permanent Hardness.	51.50
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80 degrees F. from N/80 KMnO4.	0.00
pH value.	7.40
Appearance.	Clear and bright
Odour.	None
Taste and Colour.	Normal
Heavy Metals.	Absent
Free Chlorine.	Absent
Copper as Cu.	0.05
Lead as Pb.	0.00
Iron as Fe.	0.049

Mineral Analysis:

Dissolved Oxygen at 17 degrees C.	3.50
Free Carbon Dioxide.	31.50
Calcium as Ca.	96.00
Magnesium as Mg.	2.80
Sodium as Na.	23.05
Carbonates as CO3.	120.00
Chlorides as Cl.	21.30
Sulphates as SO4.	49.46
Nitrates as NO3.	12.40
Silicates as SiO3.	7.63
Fluorides as F.	0.038
Iron as Fe2O3.	0.07

Probable composition per million parts :-

Calcium Carbonate,	CaCO3.	200.00
Calcium Sulphate,	CaSO4.	54.40
Magnesium Sulphate,	MgSO4.	13.86
Sodium Chloride,	NaCl.	35.10
Sodium Nitrate,	NaNO3.	17.00
Sodium Silicate,	Na2SiO3.	12.23
Sodium Fluoride,	NaF.	0.08
Iron Oxide,	Fe2O3.	0.07

The following table shows the number of dwelling houses and the population supplied by public water mains and other private sources.

Total No. of dwellings.	Total Popu- lation.	Supplied direct to houses		Other private sources	
		No. of houses	Population	No. of houses	Population
1475.	4,200.	1367.	3,862.	108.	338.

Refuse Disposal.

There are no alterations to report in the method or frequency of refuse collection; in most of the district refuse is collected weekly with the exceptions of Bean Sheaf and Stape where a three monthly collection operates.

Disposal of refuse is by crude tipping.

Sewage Disposal.

No changes have been made to the sewerage system or to the sewage disposal works since my last report.

There is still a real need for improvements both to the sewerage system and to the sewage disposal works in order to provide a good effluent and so abate the nuisance which is now caused.

Foods.

There are three slaughter houses in regular use in the district and much of the meat for local consumption is slaughtered in them.

During the year 215 visits were made to slaughterhouses for meat inspection and 914 lbs. of carcase meat and offal were found to be unfit for human consumption.

These figures show that, in one way or another, some part of 4.6% of all the animals inspected was found to be unfit.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed.	220.	6.	8.	404.	251.
Number inspected.	220.	6.	8.	404.	251.
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
(a) Whole carcase condemned.	-	-	1.	2.	2.
(b) Carcases in which some part or organ was condemned.	22.	1.	-	1.	8.
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	10%	16.67%	12.5%	0.74%	3.98%
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
(a) Whole carcase condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	1.	1.	-	-	2.
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0.45%	16.67%	-	-	0.80%

Other foodstuffs found to be unfit were:-

Fruit	59 lbs. 14 ozs.	Milk.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints.	Margarine.	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Vegetables	6 lbs. 6 ozs.	Fish.	1 lb.	Lemon Cheese.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.
Meat	41 lbs. 7 ozs.				

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

During the year 304 properties were inspected under the Act and the total number of visits of inspection and reinspection was 416. 96 properties were found to be infested, all of which were treated by the Local Authority giving a total for treatments including re-treatments of 111.

One block treatment was carried out under section 6 of the Act which included 140 properties; 349 bodies were actually recovered and the estimated kill was 1500.

Materials only were supplied in another 16 cases where the occupiers of the properties carried out their own treatments.

Shops Acts 1912-1950.

49 visits of inspection were made during the year and there were no matters arising which necessitated action by the Local Authority.

Camping Sites.

There are no properly established camping sites within the district.

7 visits were made during the year to unauthorised caravans, all of which moved away after a relatively short stay.

Offensive Trades.

There are three knackers yards in the district, one fellmonger and one tripe dresser and gut scraper.

17 visits of inspection were made during the year and all the premises were found to be satisfactory.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three private slaughter houses in regular use in the district. No additions or alterations have been made during the year and the siting of each continues to be bad.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of infestation have been found.

Housing.

The number of houses built during the year were as follows:-

By Local Authority. 16.

By Private Enterprise. 2.

During the year 29 visits were made in connection with improvement grants and 9 dwellings were the subject of grants under the Housing Act 1949 as amended. Again the majority of the grants have been made to owner/occupiers. It is most unfortunate that owners of property are not more willing to take advantage of the facilities offered for the benefit of their tenants.

Nuisances.

59 visits and revisits were made in connection with nuisances. 19 nuisances were found, 2 of which were abated almost immediately and the remaining 17 were abated after the service of informal notices.

Factories Act 1937.

There are 37 factories in the district 137 visits of inspection were made and no matters were brought to the notice of the local authority.

Visits Made:-

Water Supply	105	Petrol Licences	21
Drainage	50	Works in progress	74
Milk	6	Nuisances	59
Offensive trades	17	Refuse collection	5
Tents, vans & sheds	7	Refuse disposal	11
Factories	137	Building byelaws	29
Public conveniences	19	Meat inspection	215
Theatres & places of entertainment	23	Slaughterhouses	151
Rodent control	416	Improvement grants	29
Shops	24	Housing inspections	30
Highways	285	Council houses	177
		Miscellaneous	73

